Reviewer's report

Title: Cauda Equina Syndrome as the Initial Presenting Clinical Feature of Medulloblastoma: A Case Report

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Reviewer: DEBASISH PAL

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a very unusual presentation of a common paediatric tumour. The patient presented with paraparesis and strangely had lower motor rather than upper motor neurone signs inspite of the tumour involving the cord and cauda equina components. The authors made the correct decision to operate on the posterior fossa tumour and offer adjuvant treatment to the diffuse spinal lesions with a good final outcome.

I would recommend publication of the case but with some language and spelling corrections throughout the manuscript.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'